



Nairobi will host the world's first Climate Innovation Center (CIC)

InfoDev, a development financing program of the World Bank Group, has announced it will establish the world's first Climate Innovation Center (CIC) in Nairobi, Kenya. The CIC is a revolutionary facility that will provide financing, market information, policy advocacy and technical assistance for local climate technology entrepreneurs.

The CIC is expected to boost industry competitiveness, add 24,000 jobs in Kenya and help the country to respond to the challenges of climate change. The program is expected to expand to 30 Climate Innovation Centers around the world, which could generate 240,000 jobs globally according to Andrew Steer, Special Envoy for Climate Change at The World Bank.

"This initiative will specifically enable Kenya to achieve essential technological advancement and catalyze innovative technology among small and medium enterprises," said Alex Alusa, Climate Change Policy Advisor for Prime Minister Raila Odinga.

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U.S. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson Travels to Kenya for Environmental Summit February 22, 2011

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson made history this week as she became the first EPA chief to travel to Kenya. Jackson will take part in the 26th United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Governing Council Meeting and Ministerial Environment Forum, where environment ministers from more than 100 countries will discuss the environmental impact of armed conflicts and natural disasters, new research on climate change, and how by adopting "green economies," countries can ensure sustainable increased capital gains.

Jackson's visit will also include meetings focused on the development of clean fuels – an effort in which Kenya is actively engaged. During his opening remarks at the forum in Nairobi, President Kibaki reaffirmed that the Kenyan government is seeking ways to utilize the country's abundance of renewable energy to secure a future that is based on a sustainable green economy. "Kenya is committed to playing its role as host of UNEP and the entire UN fraternity," President Kibaki said.

Working hard to develop a green economy, Kenya has made large-scale investments in geothermal and wind energy production programs, which are being supported with extensive forest restoration projects. Kenya is striving to become the African leader in using green energy by 2020 and plans to produce 3,000 megawatts of cleaner electricity by 2018 through these energy programs.

To read more about Jackson's trip to Kenya, please [click here](#) to read the full *News Blaze* article.

To read more about Kenya's efforts towards developing renewable energy, please [click here](#) to read the full *Philippine Star* article and [here](#) for the full *Kenya Broadcasting Corporation* article.

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